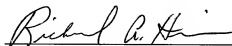


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks, previously submitted on March 27, 2006, in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 27, 2005 (Office Action), are being re-submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 5, 2006. As this response is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period, no fees are believed due. However, if any fees are due, authorization is given by the undersigned to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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